million tonnes. CAP (Open) storage is also a scientific form of storage where wheat and paddy stocks are stored for a temporary period to meet the increased procurement at any given time. AU efforts are being made to ensure that capacity requirements are successfully met to match the unprecedented procurement of procurement.

(c) To increase the capacity utilization, the following steps are being taken by FO:—

(i) Liquidate the obsolete/dead stock item lying in depots.

(ii) to increase the height of stacks.

(iii) liquidate damaged foodgrains.

(iv) closely monitor the available storage capacity in each depot.

(v) liquidate part stacks.

(vi) formulate storage plan depending upon the commodity requirements.

Milk Crisis

3649. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 15th January, 2001 under the caption "Price dip, milk crisis simmers in Punjab";

(b) if so, what are Government's views and reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the concrete steps taken or proposed to be taken for survival of domestic milk producers by giving incentives and o ther benefits to dairy sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government *is* promoting dairy sector through cooperatives. Milk producers of a village are organized into a village milk cooperative managed by their

elected representatives. The village societies federate into a district union managed by the elected representatives of the village societies. The unions, in turn are federated into a State Dairy Federation which is managed by the elected representatives of the district unions. The milk procurement prices are decided by the Management of respective district cooperative milk producers Unions, keeping in view the market trend of milk products. Reduction in milk procurement price during winter and increase during summer is a normal/common practice in dairy industry across the country based on sale realization of milk and milk products during winter and summer.

(c) In order to safeguard the commercial interest of the milk producer in Punjab, the Punjab Cooperative Milk Producer's Federation Ltd. is mainly concentrating on:—

(i) strengthening of it marketing network to have better realization;

(ii) making sincere efforts to accelerate export of its milk products in international markets; and

(iii) developing value added milk products by adopting modern technology.

Security of Lai Qila

† 3650. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that security arrangement of Lai Qila has been curtalied considerably;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any concrete steps for security of Lai Qila and other important places; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.